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*SUB C1*  
1. (twice amended) A compound 8 to 50 nucleobases in length targeted to a start codon region, a coding region, or a stop codon region of a nucleic acid molecule encoding acyl coenzyme A cholesterol acyltransferase-1 of SEQ ID NO: 3, or a 5'-untranslated region, a start codon region, a coding region, a stop codon region, or a 3'-untranslated region of a nucleic acid molecule encoding acyl coenzyme A cholesterol acyltransferase-1 of SEQ ID NO: 10, wherein said compound specifically hybridizes with one of said regions and inhibits the expression of a nucleic acid molecule encoding acyl coenzyme A cholesterol acyltransferase-1.

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15. (amended) A method of inhibiting the expression of acyl coenzyme A cholesterol acyltransferase-1 in cells or tissues comprising contacting said cells or tissues *in vitro* with the compound of claim 1 so that expression of acyl coenzyme A cholesterol acyltransferase-1 is inhibited.

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#### REMARKS

The Examiner suggests that claims 1, 2 and 4-14 are pending in the instant application and that claims 1, 2 and 4-14 have been rejected. Applicants respectfully submit that claims 1, 2 and 4-20 are pending in this case. Accordingly, Applicants have responded